

Amendments to the SPECIFICATION:

Without prejudice, please amend the Specification as follows:

Please amend the following paragraph beginning at page 8, line 19 (and ending at page 9, line 2) of the Specification, as follows:

-- The implementation of the method according to the present invention in the form of a control element which is provided for a micro controller, particularly a micro controller of a controller of a motor vehicle, is of particular importance. A program which is executable on at least one microprocessor of a micro controller and which is suitable for the implementation of a method according to the present invention is stored in the control element. The control element is, in particular, capable of causing a debug logic of the micro controller, during startup of the micro controller, to monitor the execution of a further program executable on the at least one microprocessor of the micro controller during the program execution time. A break point is set at a specific address range by the program, so that, upon an access to this program range, an exception is triggered, particularly an interrupt of the program execution. The program also has a special exception routine, which is executed following the exception. In the course of the exception routine, the micro controller is reset and started up again and the monitored program is initialized. The additional program to be monitored is, for example, implemented as a control program of the controller. ~~An electrical storage~~ A computer readable medium can particularly be used as the control element, e.g., a read-only memory or a flash memory.--.